

November 24, 1969

To Kiss

MR. HALDEMAN:

Henry Kissinger wants the President to read the attached letter which appeared in the Letters to the Editor section of today's New York Times.

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### Nixon Policy Backed

To the Editor:

In your lead editorial of Nov. 17 — "Demonstrating Against the War"—you conclude: "The responsible course for war foes is to focus their energies on more manageable forms of protest—for example, political action directed at members of Congress..."

Surely the most responsible course for "war foes"—and surely that term includes all of us—is to focus on finding out what the issue is, if, indeed, there is one. No one, including your esteemed selves, has yet proposed a quicker and more practicable manner of ending our participation in the war than that being followed by the President — the steady withdrawal of American forces and the steady strengthening of Vietnamese forces.

General MacArthur was ordered on Dec. 14, 1945, to return as expeditiously as possible all our three million Japanese prisoners of war in China. With an average haul of 800 miles and all Japanese ships at his disposal, this task took him fourteen months.

The logistics of moving a half million men and a mountain of war material 3,000 miles, to say nothing of the impediment (should we press the panic button) of the one million refugees who fled the Communists from the North, would be formidable.

If there is a better plan than the President's let's hear it.

DEAN ACHESON  
Washington, Nov. 17, 1969

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